

Act (50 U.S.C. App. 501) is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 207 the following new item:

"Sec. 208. Terms of consumer credit".

AMENDMENT NO. 4507

(Purpose: To Require the President to Conduct a Review of Circumstances Establishing Eligibility for the Purple Heart for former prisoners of war dying in or due to captivity and to Report to the Congress on the Advisability of Modifying the Criteria for Award of the Purple Heart)

At the appropriate place, add the following:

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) The Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

(2) The Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

(3) The award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements by War Department General Orders No. 3, dated February 22, 1932.

(4) The criteria for the award was originally announced in War Department Circular dated February 22, 1932, and revised by Presidential Executive Order 9277, dated December 3, 1942; Executive Order 10409, dated February 12, 1952; Executive Order 11016, dated April 25, 1962, and Executive Order 12464, dated February 23, 1984.

(5) The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States as Commander in Chief to members of the Armed Forces who qualify under criteria set forth by Presidential Executive Order.

(b) DETERMINATION.—As part of the review and report required in subsection (d), the President shall make a determination on expanding eligibility to all deceased servicemembers held as a prisoner of war after December 7, 1941 and who meet the criteria establishing eligibility for the prisoner-of-war medal under section 1128 of Title 10 but who do not meet the criteria establishing eligibility for the Purple Heart.

(c) REQUIREMENTS.—In making the determination described in subsection (b), the President shall take into consideration—

(1) the brutal treatment endured by thousands of POWs incarcerated by enemy forces;

(2) that many service members died due to starvation, abuse, the deliberate withholding of medical treatment for injury or disease, or other causes which do not currently meet the criteria for award of the Purple Heart;

(3) the views of veteran organizations, including the Military Order of the Purple Heart;

(4) the importance and gravity that has been assigned to determining all available facts prior to a decision to award the Purple Heart, and

(5) the views of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

(d) REPORT.—Not later than March 1, 2007, the President shall provide the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the advisability of modifying the criteria for the award of the Purple Heart to authorize the award of the Purple Heart to military members who die in captivity under unknown circumstances or as a result of conditions and treatment which currently do not qualify the decedent for award of the Purple Heart; and for military members who survive captivity as prisoners of war, but die thereafter as a result of disease or disability incurred during captivity.

AMENDMENT NO. 4508

(Purpose: To modify the qualifications for leadership of the Naval Postgraduate School)

At the end of part I of subtitle A of title V, add the following:

**SEC. 509. MODIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL.**

Section 7042(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

(A) by inserting "active-duty or retired" after "An";

(B) by inserting "or Marine Corps" after "Navy";

(C) by inserting "or colonel, respectively" after "captain"; and

(D) by inserting "or assigned" after "de-tailed";

(2) in paragraph (2), by inserting "and the Commandant of the Marine Corps" after "Operations"; and

(3) in paragraph (4)(A)—

(A) by inserting "(unless such individual is a retired officer of the Navy or Marine Corps in a grade not below the grade of captain or colonel, respectively)" after "in the case of a civilian";

(B) by inserting "active-duty or retired" after "in the case of an"; and

(C) by inserting "or Marine Corps" after "Navy".

AMENDMENT NO. 4509

(Purpose: To provide that the Secretary of the Army shall not be considered an owner or operator for purposes of environmental liability in connection with the construction of any portion of the Fairfax County Parkway off the Engineer Proving Ground, Fort Belvoir, Virginia, that is not owned by the Federal Government)

On page 555, strike lines 1 through line 12 and insert the following:

"(B) With respect to activities related to the construction of any portion of the Fairfax County Parkway off the Engineer Proving Ground that is not owned by the Federal Government, the Secretary of the Army shall not be considered an owner or operator for purposes of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9601 et seq.).

AMENDMENT NO. 4510

(Purpose: To increase the number of options periods authorized for extension of current contracts under the TRICARE program)

At the end of subtitle B of title VII, add the following:

**SEC. 730. ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZED OPTION PERIODS FOR EXTENSION OF CURRENT CONTRACTS UNDER TRICARE.**

(a) ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED PERIODS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, after consulting with the other administering Secretaries, may extend any contract for the delivery of health care entered into under section 1097 of title 10, United States Code, that is in force on the date of the enactment of this Act by one year, and upon expiration of such extension by one additional year, if the Secretary determines that such extension—

(A) is in the best interests of the United States; and

(B) will—

(i) facilitate the effective administration of the TRICARE program; or

(ii) ensure continuity in the delivery of health care under the TRICARE program.

(2) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF EXTENSIONS.—The total number of one-year extensions of a contract that may be granted under paragraph (1) may not exceed 2 extensions.

(3) NOTICE AND WAIT.—The Secretary may not commence the exercise of the authority

in paragraph (1) until 30 days after the date on which the Secretary submits to the congressional defense committees a report setting forth the minimum level of performance by an incumbent contractor under a contract covered by such paragraph that will be required by the Secretary in order to be eligible for an extension authorized by such paragraph.

(4) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection, the terms "administering Secretaries" and "TRICARE program" have the meaning given such terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States Code.

(b) REPORT ON CONTRACTING MECHANISMS FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICE SUPPORT CONTRACTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on contracting mechanisms under consideration for future contracts for health care service support under section 1097 of title 10, United States Code. The report shall include an assessment of the advantages and disadvantages for the Department of Defense (including the potential for stimulating competition and the effect on health care beneficiaries of the Department) of providing in such contracts for a single term of 5 years, with a single optional period of extension of an additional 5 years if performance under such contract is rated as "excellent".

AMENDMENT NO. 4219

(Purpose: To rename the death gratuity payable for deaths of members of the Armed Forces as fallen hero compensation)

At the end of subtitle D of title VI, add the following:

**SEC. 648. RENAMING OF DEATH GRATUITY PAYABLE FOR DEATHS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AS FALLEN HERO COMPENSATION.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 75 of title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) In section 1475(a), by striking "have a death gratuity paid" and inserting "have fallen hero compensation paid".

(2) In section 1476(a)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "a death gratuity" and inserting "fallen hero compensation"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "A death gratuity" and inserting "Fallen hero compensation".

(3) In section 1477(a), by striking "A death gratuity" and inserting "Fallen hero compensation".

(4) In section 1478(a), by striking "The death gratuity" and inserting "The amount of fallen hero compensation".

(5) In section 1479(1), by striking "the death gratuity" and inserting "fallen hero compensation".

(6) In section 1489—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking "a gratuity" in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting "fallen hero compensation"; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by inserting "or other assistance" after "lesser death gratuity".

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) HEADING AMENDMENTS.—Such subchapter is further amended by striking "DEATH GRATUITY:" each place it appears in the heading of sections 1475 through 1480 and 1489 and inserting "FALLEN HERO COMPENSATION:".

(2) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by striking "Death gratuity:" in the items relating to sections 1474 through 1480 and 1489 and inserting "Fallen hero compensation:".